GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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STREAMLINING OF FUNCTIONING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to streamline the functioning of National Council for Teacher Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received numerous complaints about the functioning of NCTE;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) to (e) The Government had received reports and representations from different quarters alleging that many institutions which do not meet the prescribed standards and norms were granted recognition by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and that there has been mushrooming growth of Teacher Training Institutions in relation to the requirement of teachers. With a view to assessing whether NCTE had fulfilled its mandate, a Review Committee was constituted by the Government in 2007 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sudeep Banerjee, then Advisor, Ministry of Human Resource Development to conduct an in-depth study of the functioning of NCTE. The Committee observed inter-alia that the functioning of NCTE was not found commensurate with the objective of planned and coordinated development of Teacher Education. The Committee recommended that the NCTE Act, 1993 should be repealed.After inter-ministerial consultations the Legislative Department has been requested to draft the 'Repeal Bill'.